

RULES FOR GIFTS TO SOLDIERS

1. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL SOLDIERS

ALL SOLDIERS CAN:

- Accept items of little intrinsic value (e.g., certificates, plaques, trophies).
- Accept discounts available to the public or ALL government or uniformed personnel.
- Accept modest items of food or refreshments (e.g., coffee and donuts).
- Accept rewards and prizes open to the general public.
- Accept gifts with a fair market value up to \$20 per occasion, not to exceed \$50 from the same source in a year.
- Accept gifts based on a personal relationship (i.e., family members or friends).
- Accept awards for service achievement pursuant to an established program.
- Accept gifts based on outside business or employment relationships.

ALL SOLDIERS CANNOT:

- Solicit (request) gifts.
- Accept cash gifts.
- Accept gifts from a person or entity that does or seeks to do business with Army.
- Accept gifts from a person or entity that has interests that may be substantially affected by the Army or your performance of duties.
- Accept for personal use any benefit to which the Government is entitled as the result of an expenditure of Government funds.

2. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE ONLY TO SOLDIERS INJURED OR ILL AS A RESULT OF COMBAT OR WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES IN CONDITIONS SIMULATING WAR

SOLDIERS INJURED IN COMBAT CAN:

- Accept gifts with a market value up to \$335 per occasion, not to exceed more than \$1,000 from the same source in a year.

SOLDIERS INJURED IN COMBAT CANNOT:

- Accept gifts from a foreign government.
- Solicit (request) gifts.
- Accept gifts in return for being influenced in the performance of your duties.
- Accept gifts offered in a manner that discriminates among DoD employees on the basis of official responsibility, rank or rate of pay.
- Accept gifts that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question the integrity of DoD programs or operations.